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SUBJ: SCHEDULE FOR GHANA

REF: A. STATE 101592; B. STATE 099650; C. ACCRA 2722; D. ACCRA
2662; E. STATE 88432

1. FOLLOWING IS (HOPEFULLY) FINAL VERSION PROPOSED DAVIS PROGRAM.
CHANGES ARE MINOR AND NOTED AND EXPLAINED IN BODY OF PROGRAM.

2. PR. WE HAVE NOTED PARA 3 REF A. IN OUR JUDGMENT OMISSION
WOULD BE DISTINCTLY AT VARIANCE WITH LOCAL PRACTICE AND WITH
EMBASSY TREATMENT PREVIOUS COMPARABLE VISITS (E.G., NEWSOM,
WATSON, FREEMAN, ADAMS, PALMER, KEOGH, GENERAL MCGOVERN).
WE THEREFORE PROPOSE PROCEED WITH PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR RELEASE
MAY 8 ALONG LINES REF C. WILL GIVE NO ARRIVAL TIME AND WILL NOT
ATTEMPT TO ENCOURAGE PRESS TO BE AT AIRPORT. HOWEVER, IF PRESS
IS AT AIRPORT (POSSIBLY ALERTED BY GOG WHO HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO
PLANT A QUESTION ON SUCH OCCASIONS) SECRETARY SHOULD BE PREPARED
TO MAKE INFORMAL ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND RESPOND TO
QUESTIONS FOR TEN OR MORE MINUTES. THIS WILL NOT BE A SET
"PRESS CONFERENCE" MERELY AN IMPROMPTU MEETING WITH THE PRESS.
THE SECRETARY MIGHT GET A TOUGH QUESTION OR TWO, BUT WE SUGGEST
HE TAKE THEM HEAD ON AND GET THEM OUT OF THE WAY RIGHT AT THE
OUTSET. AS IN ABIDJAN, THE PRESS' GREETING OF VISITING
DIGNITARIES ON ARRIVAL HAS BECOME STANDARD PROCEDURE HERE.

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THURSDAY, MAY 8 - 1515 ARRIVAL

PROCEED TO RESIDENCE

1700 HOURS INFORMAL MEETING AT RESIDENCE W/COUNTRY TEAM
1800 HOURS NO PROGRAM. AMBASSADOR BLACK WILL ATTEND CZECH
NATIONAL DAY. WE SEE NO NEED FOR ASST. SEC TO
ATTEND UNLESS CZECKS SPECIFICALLY INVITE HIM.
WE DO NOT PLAN SOLICIT SUCH INVITATION.
2000 HOURS INFORMAL DINNER AT RESIDENCE
FRIDAY, MAY 9, 0815 HRS (CHANGE) TOUR OF USAID OIC TRAINING
CENTER IN ACCRA. AMBASSADOR, USAID DEPTUY DIRECTOR,
ECON COUNSELOR WILL ACCOMPANY.
0900 CALL ON ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS COL. KOTEI FOLLOWED BY SESSION WITH
TOP MINISTRY OFFICIALS. AMBASSADOR,
POL WILL ACCOMPANY.

1015 CALL ON COMMISSIONER FOR AGRICULTURE COL.
NKEGBE AND TOP MINISTRY OFFICIALS. AMBASSADOR,
ECON, USAID DIRECTOR WILL ACCOMPANY.
1115 CALL ON COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING
COL. FELLI AND TOP MINISTRY OFFICIALS. AMBASS-
ADOR, ECON, USAID DIR WILL ACCOMPANY.
1215 HOURS RETURN TO RESIDENCE
1230 HOURS LUNCHEON HOSTED BY MFA
1600 HOURS CALL ON COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH COL.
SELOMEY AND TOP MINISTRY OFFICIALS. AMBASSADOR,
ECON, USAID DIR WILL ACCOMPANY.
1830 HOURS AMBASSADOR BLACK WILL ATTEND SOVIET FUNCTION.
WE DO NOT RECOMMEND ASST. SEC. ATTEND UNLESS
SPECIFICALLY INVITED BY SOVIETS. WE DO NOT
INTEND TO SOLICIT SUCH INVITATION.
2000 HOURS DINNER AT RESIDENCE HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AND
MR. BLACK.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

0845 HOURS VISIT PEACE CORPS PROJECT ENROUTE TO TOUR OF
VOLTA RIVER AUTHORITY FACILITIES AT AKOSOMBO.
AMBASSADOR AND MR. BLACK WILL ACCOMPANY.
1230 HOURS LUNCH HOSTED BY VRA CHIEF EXECUTIVE DR. NII
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QUARTEY

1500 HOURS RETURN TO ACCRA
CHANGE - WE HAVE CANCELLED TOUR OF VALCO FACILITIES AT TEMA
PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON.
1830 HOURS RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR
AND MR. BLACK.
2030 HOURS DINNER HOSTED BY VALCO RESIDENT DIRECTOR AND
MRS. WILLIAM ARMANTROUT.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

0930 HOURS INFORMAL BRUNCH HOSTED BY DCM

1100 HOURS VISIT TO CAPE COAST CASTLES, ELMINA, LUNCH AND
RETURN TO RESIDENCE.

MONDAY, MAY 12

1000 HOURS COURTESY CALL ON HEAD OF STATE COL. ACHEAMPONG,
AMBASSADOR, POL WILL ACCOMPANY.

1045 HOURS DEPART FOR AIRPORT

1120 HOURS DEPART FOR IVORY COAST ABOARD WT-943

NB. RESERVATIONS ALSO MADE ON GH540 AS BACKUP IN EVENT OF
NIGERIA AIRWAYS CANCELLATION.

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